

mechanical speedometer? First of all, that is required under the law right now. Everything in this bill would apply right now to mechanical speedometers, even though they are not listed in the current law. When they are used, all of these standards have to be met. But there is what is called a margin of error in the use of any of these devices, so if you know the inflation of your tires, and it may be what it should be, it may be less or it may be more, you have to interpret what the speedometer reads by including consideration of the error that now exists. So your speedometer might register 65 miles an hour, but the reality is that since it may have been adjusted to coincide with the rotation of the tires when the tires are inflated to a certain level, if that tire inflation changes, then it could be going faster than 65 miles per hour, it could be going slower than 65 miles per hour, and when these issues are raised in court, the court will ask the officer testifying, what is the error ratio of your car under these conditions and was that taken into consideration when you cited the driver, so that is where the interpretation would come in, not that you just can't read that the needle is pointing to whatever the amount is. But one other point that should be brought up,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...many cars are now being equipped with electronic speedometers which would make all this moot anyway, but that is where the interpretation would come in, and all of these factors come from case law. They are there now and they are standards which must be met. And I would invite you to remove the mechanical device from those subsections, but because the patrol knows that I know they are required already, they might think that I am saying one thing when something else is really meant. So every place that we limit the means by which you measure the speed to radar or the electronic device, I have added mechanical so that it is clear...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that that is to be in the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senators. Senator Schmitt, did you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, I guess I would just like to mention, Madam President and members of the body, that the amendment that